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PRESIDENTIAL RECEPTIONS.

The Cabinet meets on Tuesdays

and Fridays at 12:30 p. m.

Senators and Representatives in Congress

will be received by the President every day,

except Mondays, from 10 to 12 o'clock.

Persons not members of Congress having

business with the President will be received

from 12 until 1 o'clock on Wednesdays, Thursdays

and Saturdays.

Those who have no business, but call

merely to pay their respects, will be

received by the President in the East Room

at 1 p. m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and

Saturdays.

VISITORS TO THE DEPARTMENTS.

Secretaries Blaine, Proctor and Tracy

have issued the following order for the

reception of visitors:

Reception of Senators and Representatives

in Congress, from 10 to 12 o'clock.

Reception of all persons not connected

with the Departments, at 12 o'clock, except

Tuesdays and Fridays, which are Cabinet

days; and Thursdays in the Department of

State, when the members of the Diplomatic

Corps are exclusively received.

Persons will not be admitted to the build-

ing after 2 o'clock each day, unless by card,

which will be sent by the captain of the

watch to the chief clerk or to the head of

the bureau for which the visit is intended.

This rule will not apply to Senators, Representa-

tives or heads of Executive Departments.

EXTRA EDITION!

A 6 column edition of THE CRITIC

will appear this afternoon, giving a full

account of to-day's game between the

Washington and Philadelphia Baseball

Clubs, of other games in other cities

and of to-day's races here and else-

where. It will be a great sporting

extra.

THE AMERICAN GAME.

As is proper, the National Capital has

a club competing for the pennant, which

indicates championship in the national

game, but, unfortunately, this club has

never succeeded in winning the covet-

ed emblem. The "Senators," as a

factious country has dubbed our base-

ball players, are engaged usually in a

desperate struggle to keep from taking

place near the tail end of the league at

the tail end of the season, and if the

Goddess of Liberty on the dome of the

Capitol has any local pride she must

weep at what has happened in the

park a few blocks north of her. She

has observed the home club walloped

all over the grounds, and has been

humiliated beyond endurance. Long ago

Washington had a club which went

abroad all over the land and mowed a

mighty swath, but since the time of the

old Nationals our glory has departed

and that hope deferred which makes

the heart sick has been the portion of

local enthusiasts. Still, hope has been

maintained and exists to-day.

There is a prospect of better baseball

forums for Washington in the season

opening to-day. There are, up to date

at least, no discussions in the club, and

a stalwart and resolute group are pre-

pared to do battle for the pennant.

They may not win the trophy, but it is

tolerably certain that they will give a

good account of themselves, and that

when "Senators" are referred to in

wondering why they were such fools as

to go there when for less money than it

cost them to make the journey they

could have bought 100 acres of as good

land as Oklahoma boasts. In any one of

the numerous States of the Union, a

human being is very much like sheep,

sheep of the less intelligent sort.

IT, AS IS CLAIMED, a United States

judge, United States marshals and a

horde of deputies were inside the Ter-

ritory of Oklahoma before the hour

when settlers were admitted, and seized

upon the town-site of Guthrie in the

manner described by newspaper corre-

spondents, there is work to which the

Departments of the Interior and of

Justice may very properly devote some

attention. The robbery may have had

the form of law, but it was not justice,

and the wrong should be righted.

COLONEL NICHOLAS M. BELL, Superin-

tendent of Foreign Mails, will retire from

office on the first of May because he is a

Democrat. That is sufficient cause for re-

moving any man who has an office under a

Republican administration, and it is almost

time public announcement was made to

that effect. Colonel Bell was a first-class

official in every respect, and the Depart-

ment, under his direction, improved in

a marked manner in every branch. Ac-

cording to the most improved business rules

this is the test of excellence and contin-

uance in place. It is not so in politics, and

it is little less than hypocrisy to hold that

it is so. Manifestly in office is very nearly

akin to patriotism, and we need such men

in office. Colonel Bell has it just as he

had efficiency, and his example is worthy of

emulation. As before remarked, we take

pleasure in repeating Colonel Nicholas M.

Bell, Superintendent of Foreign Mails, will

retire from office on the first of May because

he is a Democrat.

P. S.—But this announcement is not offi-

cial.

THE DANDELION RINDS fair to serve as

another use than that of modestly, yet bril-

liantly, decorating the fields and parks. It

has been recommended as a badge to be

worn by the numerous journalists who are

located in Washington. A careful dissec-

tion of the word by a punster's language

carpenter makes in "Dandy Linn," and it

is alleged, that many of them have to do

some of it at times. There is really nothing

uncomplimentary about the emblem. To

falsely awkwardly is an inexcusable sin, but

to mould the facts into pleasing forms, to

embellish them with delicate traces of fic-

tion and give them an air of constant grace

is art in one of its highest and most admi-

rable forms.

CAPTAIN MURRELL, who rescued the pas-

sengers of the wrecked steamer Danmark,

is being made a hero of, and yet if the Cap-

tain had left those seven hundred and

more people on that wreck to drown and freeze

he could have been tried for murder. What

does Captain Murrell have done than

what he did do?

THE PERA for leniency made by Judge

Advocate Davis to-day, in the Ames court-

house, was a sharp contrast with the rigid

denominator of the prosecuting officer during

the trial and was a pleasant thing in every

way. At no stage of the trial has Major

Davis appeared to bad advantage, but at no

stage has he appeared better than to-day.

A GREAT many persons who go to New

York to celebrate the centennial of Wash-

ington's inauguration wish to thunder

he had never been inaugurated.

CRITICULAR.

ADDRESS OF FIRST ASST. P. M. GENERAL

CLARKSON.

Behold

In me the Lord

High Executioner!

Not by my words

Shall you know me, but by

My axe!

Chop, I say unto it,

And it chop!

Whack!

Down comes the ax,

And it chop!

A Democratic office-holder's head!

Whack! Whack! Whack!

At every whack a head comes off,

And in its stead up pops

A live Republican!

Don't I know how to

Get a head of a Democrat?

You bet I do!

That's what I am here for,

Although some of my conferees

Have an idea

That's not what we are here for!

I am here to render unto Caesar

The things that are Caesar's,

And Caesar, as I take it,

Is not the gentleman who

Retires from office at 12 m.,

March 4, 1899.

Business before pleasure

Is my motto,

And I don't expect to have

Any pleasure here

Until I have

An exclusively Republican force!

That's the kind of a

Business-principle buckleyer I am!

I have a "truly good" Partner

In this Public Office Trust,

But that doesn't hamper me

A great deal!

I have been in politics before!

I have had to do, dear friends,

I have been up on the top seats

And see the show!

One!

Two!

Three: and off she goes!

Next!

Everything appears to be all O. K. fa-

bulous in the new territory.

KISMET.

Let us then be up and doing,

With a heart for any fate,

If we can not do the fishing,

Possibly, we may cut bait.

Hotel waters should be well disphibited.

Comparison of a baseball adjective: Bat,

batter, battery.

RACE LOCK.

A man may bet on the favorite,

With a tip that is bound to pay,

But the goldmine how won't come as first,

Because it ain't built that way.

A reform club—the policeman's.

The Supreme Court—getting the girl.

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Boy, I detest the Persian pomp—

I hate those Hindoo-Bark deities,

And, as for roses, holy Moses!

They can't be got at living prices!

Myrtle is good enough for us—

For me, as beaver of my fagon—

For me, as beaver of my fagon—

Doing my best to get a jag on!

—[Eugene Field in Chicago News.]

Smiles and Smiles.

—[Martha's Vineyard Herald.]

An exchange says: "The smile is the

most useful of all things. It goes in on

head, however, in the matter of size, from

half a finger in New Orleans to four fingers

in Boston.

## THE TOWN'S PHOTOGRAPH.

A brave, true-hearted gentleman found

an attractive girl leading a fast life in

this city, and, impelled by good motives, he

extended a helping hand and took her out of

the house of bondage. He, accordingly, re-

moved her to a more fashionable part of

the city and secured apartments for her

which were fitted up not only with luxu-

ries, but with a type-writer. Being an ex-

pected pianist the young woman soon took

a fancy to the type-writer and was quickly

enabled to master it. When this was ac-

complished a position was secured for her

in one of the Departments by her rhubarb

protector, who dared the frowns of the

world in his noble efforts to rescue a

woman from a life of shame. By some

means the story of her early life became

known to some penny-a-line scribblers, and

they hastened to blacken the gentleman as

much as their puny efforts would permit, and

then turned their batteries upon the dis-

reputable woman. Those who have read a

sheet published weekly at Gotham purport-

ing to give an inside view of social life of

the Metropolis and the Capital will under-

stand this reference and condemn such an

unprovoked and brutal assault upon a girl

who is trying to reform.

All the Washington birds have returned

home from their annual Southern pilgrim-

age, and their voices are heard everywhere

in the parks. They are the only males in

the rounds of all the old haunts and loath-

ing places of last year, and as there is much

chattering, they are, no doubt, commenting

vigorously on the various changes that have

been made. They have had their say about

the taking down of the fences, have agreed

about the ill-smelling alantus trees being

removed, and have given the taste of the

flowers displayed in arranging the flower

beds and selected the sites of the flower

beds. This town is a favorite resort for

birds, and a great many species make

their homes here. The English sparrow, of

course, is ever present, he never goes away.

Robin red-breast is most numerous dur-

ing the Agricultural Department, for he

is of retiring disposition and wants to get

as far away from the hum of the city as pos-

sible. They are all paired now and busy

building their nests away up in the tree-

tops. As you walk along the road next the

river, in the rear of the Monument, or, in

fact, anywhere within sound of the water,

you will hear a chirping from a thousand

birds. It is a very pleasant thing. It is only

in the clouds that they need their wings